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ESTABLISHMENT OF KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had fixed target to establish at least one Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each district in the country by end of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether most of the KVKs are not fully functional; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Besides the existing 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK), during the Ninth Five Year Plan, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has strengthened 53 Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take up additional functions of KVKs. In addition, approval of 66 new KVKs were obtained for its establishment over a period of three years from 2001-02 to 2003-04.

Additional financial resources have been provided for establishment of KVKs in the remaining districts of the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) & (d): The infrastructure facilities of the KVKs are developed in a phased manner. Out of 261 KVKs sanctioned earlier, 82% of the KVKs have been made fully functional. Each KVK has a Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) with the participation of district officials and Zonal Coordinator to review the progress of infrastructural development along with the Annual Action Plan of a KVK.